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In re the Application of : Confirmation No. 6658  
Claude BARLIER, ET AL. : Group Art Unit 2125  
Application No. 10/530,504 : Examiner: Carlos Ortiz-Rodriguez  
Filing Date: April 6, 2005. : (571) 272-3766  
For a Patent for a :  
MECHANICAL COMPONENT HAVING :  
AT LEAST ONE FLUID TRANSPORT :  
CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR :  
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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, filed in this matter on August 22, 2005, advised the U.S. Patent Office of an earlier-filed International Application, No. PCT/FR01/01445, which has since been assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/276,217.

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A further Office Action has issued for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/276,217, and the following documents are cited in the issued Office Action:

U.S. Patents

6,688,871 (Lee et al.) - Issued: February 10, 2004

6,110,409 (Allanic et al.) - Issued: August 29, 2000

Due consideration of U.S. Patent No. 6,110,409 (Allanic et al.) is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)(2). It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of this document by initialing the PTO-1449 form (1) which is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which lists this document, and by providing applicants with an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of the listed document.

A copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,110,409 (Allanic et al.) has not been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement in view of the elimination of this requirement from 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) (See, Section 609.04(a), Part II(D) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure).

Because U.S. Patent No. 6,688,871 (Lee et al.) was previously cited in connection with U.S. Patent Application No. 10/276,217, as well as the present U.S. Patent Application No. 10/530,504 (cited in the Information Disclosure Statement which

was filed in this matter on September 14, 2005), this document is considered to be cumulative and has only been identified for completeness of the record. Because it is a cumulative document, U.S. Patent No. 6,688,871 (Lee et al.) is not being submitted for further consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) because, as of this date and according to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) System of the U.S. Patent Office, neither a notice of allowance nor a final rejection has been mailed in connection with this patent application. A fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) was paid in conjunction with an Information Disclosure Statement which was filed in this matter on August 4, 2008. In the event that an additional fee payment is required for consideration of the present Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), if any other fees are required in connection with this filing, or if any overpayments have been made, it is respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent Office charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 03-2405.

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